

**Chambers of District Judge Cecilia M. Altonaga**

Federal Courthouse Square, 301 North Miami Avenue, 4th Floor,  
Miami, FL 33128-7705  
Tel: (305) 523-5510



**Cecilia M. Altonaga**  
District Judge

Education: Florida International 1983 BA;  
Yale 1986 JD  
Began Service: May 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge Edward B. Davis, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (1987-1988)

**Government:** Assistant County Attorney, Dade County Attorney's Office (1988-1996)

**Judicial:** County Court Judge, Miami-Dade County (1996-1999); Circuit Court Judge, Miami-Dade County, Eleventh Judicial Circuit (1999-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Cuban American Bar Association; Dade County Bar Association; Florida Association for Women Lawyers; The Florida Bar

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Yordanka V. Delionado** ..... (305) 523-5512  
Law Clerk **Kristine A. Rembach** ..... (305) 523-5512  
Law Clerk **Adam L. Schwartz** ..... (305) 523-5513  
Court Reporter **Barbara Medina** ..... (305) 523-5518  
Courtroom Deputy **Patricia Snead** ..... (305) 523-5515  
Judicial Administrator **Gladys Marrero** ..... (305) 523-5510

**Chambers of District Judge James I. Cohn**

299 East Broward Boulevard, Room 203, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Tel: (954) 769-5490

**James I. Cohn**  
District Judge

Education: Alabama BS; Cumberland JD  
Began Service: August 5, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit (1995-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Assistant Public Defender, Broward Public Defender's Office (1975); Assistant State Attorney, Broward State Attorney's Office (1975-1978); Attorney, Private Practice (1978-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Judicature Society; Federal Judges Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk [Cases Ending 5, 7, 9] **Dawn Goodman** ..... (954) 769-5490  
Law Clerk [Cases Ending 4, 6, 8] **Johanna Hickman** ..... (954) 769-5490  
Career Law Clerk/Administrator [Civil Cases Ending in 0-3] **Phil Rothschild** ..... (954) 769-5492  
Education: Pennsylvania BA; UCLA JD  
Court Reporter **Anita LaRocca** ..... (954) 769-5498  
Courtroom Deputy **Valarie Thompkins** ..... (954) 769-5495

**Chambers of District Judge Marcia G. Cooke**

U.S. Courthouse, 301 North Miami Avenue, 6th Floor, Miami, FL 33128  
Tel: (305) 523-5150

**Marcia G. Cooke**  
District Judge

Education: Georgetown 1975 BSFS; Wayne State 1977 JD

**Government:** Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Florida, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1992-1994); Acting Administrative Officer, Southern District of Florida, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1996-1997); Chief Inspector General, Executive Office of the Governor, State of Florida (1999-2002); Assistant County Attorney, County of Miami-Dade, Florida (2002)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (1984-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Miro, Miro & Weiner (1983-1984)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Avram "Avi" Israeli** ..... (305) 523-5150  
Law Clerk **Yasin Mohammad** ..... (305) 523-5150  
Law Clerk **Bridgette Thornton** ..... (305) 523-5150  
Courtroom Deputy **Ivan Marchena** ..... (305) 523-5155  
Court Reporter **Robin Dispenzieri** ..... (305) 523-5158  
Judicial Administrator **Tamara A. "Tammy" McIntyre** ..... (305) 523-5150

**Chambers of Senior Judge James Lawrence King**

James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 NE Fourth Street,  
Room 1127, Miami, FL 33132  
Tel: (305) 523-5000 Fax: (305) 523-5109

**James Lawrence King**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1927  
Education: Florida 1949 BS, 1953 LLB  
Began Service: October 30, 1970  
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit, Dade County (1964-1970); Associate Justice, Florida Supreme Court; Associate Judge, Florida Court of Appeal, Third District (1966-1967); Temporary Chief Judge for Administration, United States District Court of the Canal Zone (1977-1978); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (1984-1991)

**Legal Practice:** Sibley & Davis (1955-1964)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1953-1955)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Dade County Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Miami Asset Management Company

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Julie Axelrod** ..... (305) 523-5000  
Education: UCLA 2006 JD  
Law Clerk **Ashley Litwin** ..... (305) 523-5000  
Education: Chicago 2006 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Joyce Williams** ..... (305) 523-5105  
Court Reporter **(Vacant)** ..... (305) 523-5108  
Secretary **Sandra Diaz** ..... (305) 523-5000

**Chambers of Senior Judge William M. Hoeveler**

U.S. Courthouse, 301 North Miami Avenue, 9th Floor, Miami, FL 33128  
Tel: (305) 523-5570

**William M. Hoeveler**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1922  
Education: Bucknell 1947 BA; Harvard 1950 LLB  
Began Service: May 1977  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, University of Miami Law School; Founding Director and Incorporator, Youth Industries, Inc.; Senior Lecturing Fellow, Duke University Law School

**Legal Practice:** Senior Partner, Knight, Peters, Hoeveler, Pickle, Niemoeller & Flynn (1951-1977)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps (1942-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American College of Construction Lawyers; American College of Trial Lawyers; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Dade County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Philadelphia Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Prisca Bae** ..... (305) 523-5570  
Law Clerk **Barbara Junge** ..... (305) 523-5570  
Secretary **Janice M. Tinsman** ..... (305) 523-5570

**Chambers of Senior Judge Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.**

205-D U.S. Courthouse, 299 East Broward Boulevard,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Tel: (954) 769-5560



**Jose A. Gonzalez, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931  
Education: Florida 1952 BA, 1957 JD  
Began Service: July 28, 1978  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Corporate:** Claim Representative, State Farm Mutual (1957-1958)

**Government:** Assistant State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit, State of Florida (1961-1964)

**Judicial:** Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit (1964-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Associate then Partner, Watson, Hubert & Sousley (1958-1964); Partner, Watson, Hubert & Sousley (1961-1964)

**Military Service:** Lieutenant, United States Army (1952-1954); Captain, United States Army Reserve (1954-1960)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Broward County Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Christine N. Rickard** ..... (954) 769-5560  
Education: Michigan 2000 BA; Vanderbilt 2004 JD  
Secretary **Irma Doerfler** ..... (954) 769-5560

**Chambers of Senior Judge James C. Paine**

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West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Tel: (561) 803-3430

**James C. Paine**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1924  
Education: Columbia 1947 BS; Virginia 1950 LLB  
Began Service: 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jones, Paine & Foster (1950-1979)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve (1943-1946)

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Julia Paola Beall Frasca** ..... (561) 803-3430  
Law Clerk **Margaret Presutti** ..... (561) 803-3430  
Judicial Secretary **Patricia Newkirk** ..... (561) 803-3430

**Chambers of Senior Judge Kenneth L. Ryskamp**

Paul G. Rogers Federal Building, 701 Clematis Street, Room 416,  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401  
Tel: (561) 803-3420 Fax: (561) 803-3429

**Kenneth L. Ryskamp**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Calvin Col 1955 AB; Miami 1956 JD  
Began Service: 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Mallory H. Horton, Florida Court of Appeal, Third District (1957-1959)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1959-1961); Partner, Goodwin, Ryskamp, Welcher & Carrier (1961-1984); Squire, Sanders & Dempsey (1984-1986)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; The Florida Bar; State Bar of Michigan

**Staff**

Law Clerk (Odd-Numbered Cases) **Alison Brown** ..... (561) 803-3420  
Law Clerk (Even-Numbered Cases) **Kari M. Dahlin** ..... (561) 803-3420  
Education: Minnesota 2001 JD  
Courtroom Deputy **Irene Rivera** ..... (561) 803-3422  
Court Reporter **(Vacant)** ..... (561) 651-3865  
Judicial Administrator **Sharon Hibbs** ..... (561) 803-3420

**Chambers of Senior Judge Shelby Highsmith**

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**Shelby Highsmith**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929  
Education: Missouri (Kansas City) 1958 BA, 1958 LLB  
Began Service: October 11, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 11th Judicial Circuit (1970-1975)

**Legal Practice:** McElhern & Formby (1958-1959); Sams, Anderson, Alper, Meadows & Spencer (1959-1962); Partner, Highsmith & Ezzo (1962-1970); Partner, Highsmith, Strauss, Glatzer & Deutsch (1975-1991)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1948-1955)

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